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Minerals Management Service
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Dear MMS,

I wanted to take this opportunity to underscore and reiterate my earlier written support for the Cape Wind proposal to locate 130 wind turbines in Nantucket Sound.

I have spent the last four years educating myself about the specifics of not only wind power and its impact on environments and communities but on the related issues of energy production, distribution and consumption in general.

Initially I was opposed to the Cape Wind project- but after a considerable amount of personal research (which included a trip to Sweden and Denmark to see large turbine installations) I now believe that it is absolutely essential that we begin to move expeditiously in the direction of increased wind-related projects both on-shore as well as offshore where they have the greatest potential.

As a year round resident and business owner on Martha's Vineyard for the last twenty years I am particularly concerned with the environment both here and in the adjacent waters of Nantucket Sound. I firmly believe that the Cape Wind proposal will neither threaten nor compromise the area it is proposed to occupy.

There are many compelling reasons to support this project and with each passing month it seems that these reasons become even more compelling. Energy production has rapidly become one of the most central issues of our time. There is no scenario just over the horizon whereby these issues will either mitigate or resolve themselves in a way that is beneficial to either our community or our country. We must face these issues head on.

I urge you to exercise the authority and leadership that will allow the Cape Wind project to proceed without further delay.

Sincerely,

